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NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND NOTICE OF EXEMPTION (NOE) FOR DRAFT INTERIM MEASURES WORKPLAN FOR GCA LEASE HOLDING, INC., FACILITY, CARSON, CALIFORNIA

What Is Being Proposed?

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites public comment on a draft Interim Measures (IM) Workplan proposing excavation and disposal of contaminated soil at the GCA Lease Holding, Inc., (GCA) facility (Site) located at 17006 South Figueroa Street in Carson. The draft IM Workplan activities proposed is an interim measure and not the final cleanup remedy for the facility. Under the California environmental Quality Act (CEQA), DTSC proposes a Notice of Exemption (NOE) as the proposed actions will not have a significant effect on public health and the environment.

Prior to 1936 the land was either vacant or in agricultural use. From about 1936 until 1972, the facility was part of a dairy operation. The current facility was constructed between 1972 and 1974. From 1972 to 1976, the property was occupied by various industrial tenants. From 1978 to 2005 wheel assembly, plating and stripping operations were conducted on Site. In 1988, the facility became known as American Racing Equipment and in July 2005, GCA assumed the lease of the facility. Currently, the facility is vacant and is seeking closure. In April 2006, GCA entered into a Corrective Action Consent Agreement with DTSC to conduct an environmental investigation and remove the contaminated soil to achieve facility closure.

Soil contamination occurred mainly from past operations that included spills onto concrete at the Site. Contaminants of concern include lead, trivalent chromium, hexavalent chromium, zinc, nickel, copper, arsenic, toxaphene and Total Petroleum Hydrocarbon-diesel. The draft IM Workplan, describes the process of removal and disposal of approximately 4,900 cubic yards (or 6,300 tons) of impacted soil and debris. Safety measures will be conducted to protect onsite workers and the surrounding community.

Why This Notice and Where to Find More Detailed Information

This notice is to provide the interested public an opportunity to learn more about the project and tell us what you think about our proposed plan for soil removal at the GCA facility. The draft IM Workplan and NOE are available for public review at:

Carson Regional Library
151 East Carson Street
Carson, CA 90745
(310) 830-0901

Department of Toxic Substances Control
5796 Corporate Avenue
Cypress, CA 90630
Contact: Julie Johnson at (714) 484-5337
Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00am – 5:00pm

How Do I Participate and Who to Contact For More Information?

You are invited to comment on the draft IM Workplan during the 30-day public comment period beginning September 19, 2006 and ending October 19, 2006. All public comments must be postmarked or e-mailed by October 19, 2006, and sent to Ms. Rada Chanmugathas, Project Manager, Department of Toxic Substances Control, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA, 90630, e-mail: rchanmug@dtsc.ca.gov. For questions about the project please contact Ms. Rada Chanmugathas, DTSC Project Manager at (714) 484-5386 or Ms. Stacey Lear, DTSC Public Participation Specialist at (714) 484-5354 or toll free 1-888-877-5378. Notice to Hearing Impaired: You can obtain additional information by using the California State Relay Service at 1-888-877-5378 (TDD). Ask them to contact Ms. Stacey Lear at the number above regarding the GCA facility.